

# Senior Composition

## Spring 2022

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**Goals and Objectives:** This class will allow students to study and engage with the formal writing process. The primary curriculum includes timed writing, literary analysis, MLA style research, and other process writing patterns including (but not limited to) persuasive, argumentative, expository, evaluative, comparison, and narrative. The study and application of grammatical mechanics and related vocabulary terms will be ongoing.

**Expectations:** You will be expected to be present, both physically and mentally, and take notes on the information being given. You will be expected to be prepared with all necessary materials and having done the homework for the day. Keep classwork, homework, notes and handouts organized in a binder or folder designated for only this class. Most homework for this class will be reading the material we will discuss the next day in class. Any classwork should be your number one priority during class and should be turned into the classwork box by the end of class. There will be group and team work in this class, and you will be expected to cooperate with others and share ideas in a kind and respectful manner. If you finish an assignment before the class is ready to move on, you should be reading silently (any book) or reviewing notes. I do not mind working on work for another class as long as you are caught up on work for my class and not being a distraction.

**Materials:**

- Notebook, composition book, or looseleaf paper in a binder for taking notes
- Pencils, blue or black ink pens, erasers, lead if using mechanical pencils
- Binder or folder for homework, classwork, and handouts (please stay organized!)
- Textbooks: *Elements of Writing, Revised Ed., Fifth Course*- Holt, Rinehart, and Winston 1998, *Write for College: A Student Handbook*- Great Source 1997

**Policies:**

- Absences: If you are absent, you are responsible for picking up any missed handouts, returned work, and assignments from the designated station. Please check Google Classroom while you are out to see what we are doing. Classwork and homework from that day will be due the school day after you return. Please come to me if there are extenuating circumstances. If you will be gone for several days for a trip, please let me know 2-3 days beforehand.

- Late Work: If work is turned in late, it will take a 20% off penalty for each school day late. Late work will be accepted up to a week after it is due. Please come to me if there are extenuating circumstances.
- Technology: Cell phones must be put away in the white hanging shoe organizer by the time the bell rings. If they remain out or in use, they will be confiscated and given to the Academic Dean per the Southland handbook. On the occasion that I allow cell phone or laptop use for an assignment, they must only be used for that assignment or they will be taken away.
- Eating/ Drinking: No eating in class. Water is allowed in a capped bottle.
- Honor Code: All students must abide by the Southland Honor Code. Cheating, plagiarism, or using unapproved help on an individual assignment will result in a 0% on that assignment and an Honor Code violation.
- Prize Box: Each student may select one prize from the prize box on their birthday or if their team wins a review Kahoot.

Grade Breakdown:

- 50% Tests, Projects, and Final Writing Portfolio
- 25% Quizzes (vocabulary, grammar, concept review, and reading quizzes)
- 25% Classwork and Homework

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_